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For: METHOD OF JOINING DATA AND ITS METADATA USING DYNAMIC  
METADATA IN RELATIONAL DATABASE

**ASSIGNEE NAME: INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION**

**ASSIGNEE RESIDENCE: ARMONK, NEW YORK**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 19 Pages of Specification and 1 Abstract  
☒ 8 Sheets of Drawings  
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney  
☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and form PTO-1449  
☐ A certified copy of Japanese Application  
☒ An assignment of the invention to International Business Machines Corporation, Armonk, New York 10504  
☐ A Preliminary Amendment

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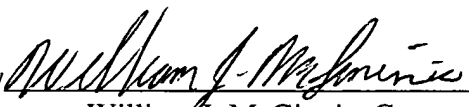
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